

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous version of the following claims and replace them with the following rewritten version. A marked up copy showing the amendment since the previous version is annexed as separate pages.

Claim 1 (amended). A multilayer film comprising the following sequence of layers:

- A) a basis layer of foamed propylene homopolymers, copolymer or mixtures thereof,
- B) a layer based on at least one of the polyolefins of the foam layer A),
- C) optionally a tie layer based on a polyolefin
- D) optionally an adhesive layer
- E) optionally a gas barrier layer, a flavortight barrier layer, or both,
- F) an adhesive layer,
- G) an optionally sealable or peelable surface layer,

whereby the total thickness of layers A) and B) ranges from 0.5 to 2 mm and the thickness of layer B) ranges from 1/6 to 1/2 of the thickness of layer A).

Claim 2 (amended). A multilayer film according to claim 1, wherein the total thickness of layers A) and B) ranges from 0.6 to 1.4 mm.

Claim 3 (amended). A multilayer film according to claim 1 wherein the thickness of layer B) ranges from 1/6 to 1/3 of the thickness of layer A).

Claim 4 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer A) is made of a foamed mixture of polypropylene with long chain branching and a propylene-ethylene-blockcopolymer.

A1, cont

Claim 5 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer B) is made of polypropylene or a propylene-ethylene-copolymer.

Claim 6 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer C) is made of a polyolefin based on the monomer that is the main monomer of the polyolefins of foam layer A).

Claim 7 (amended). A multilayer film according to claim 6, wherein the polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 8 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer E) is present and is made of ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer.

layer is still optional

Claim 9 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer G) is made of a sealable polymer and optionally contains additives.

Claim 10 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 9, wherein layer G) is made of a low density polyethylene or an ionomer.

Claim 11 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein layer G) is made of a peelable polymer and optionally contains additives.

Claim 12 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 11, wherein layer G) is made of a mixture of low density polyethylene and a polybutylene.

Claim 13 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 1, wherein the total thickness of layers C) to G) ranges from 20 to 70 μm .

Claim 14 (amended). A multilayer film according to Claim 13, wherein the total thickness is 30 to 50 μm .

Claim 15 (amended). A packaging material comprising the multilayer film of Claim

1.

Claim 16 (amended). A packaging item made of a film according to Claim 1.

Claim 17 (amended). A packaging tray made of a film according to Claim 1.

Claim 18. Cancel.

Claim 19 (amended). A method for packaging meat, sausage or cheese which comprises packaging said meat, sausage or cheese in a multilayer film according to Claim 1.

Claim 20 (amended). A method of packaging material on form-, fill- and sealing packaging machines which comprises packaging said material in a film of Claim 1.

Please add the following:

AB --Claim 21 (new). A food packaging container which comprises the multilayer film of Claim 1.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to eliminate multiple dependency and to conform the claims to conventional format.

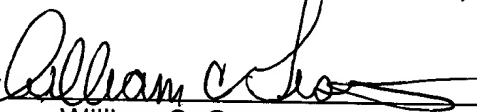
Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS, McLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

By 
William C. Gerstenzang
Reg. No. 27,552

220 East 42nd Street - 30th Floor
New York, New York 10017
(212) 808-0700

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Label No. EL851060362US to: BOX PCT, The Hon. Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 26, 2001.

Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.

By 

Date: 2/26/01